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REMARKS

Claims 7-9 remain pending herein.

The Applicants thank Examiner Crepeau for the courtesies extended during a telephone interview conducted on September 2, 2003. In the September 2, 2003 telephone interview, Examiner Crepeau indicated that the amendments set forth above do not constitute new matter and would be entered in this application. Entry of the above amendments is therefore respectfully requested. The Applicants also respectfully request, at the Examiner's earliest convenience, an acknowledgment that the above amendments have been entered in this application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,



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